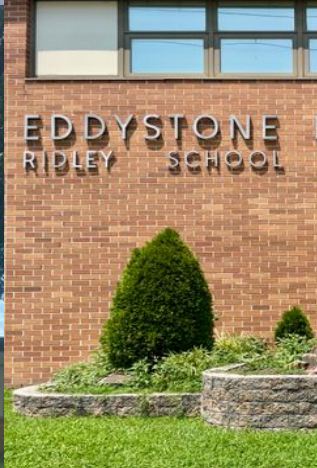
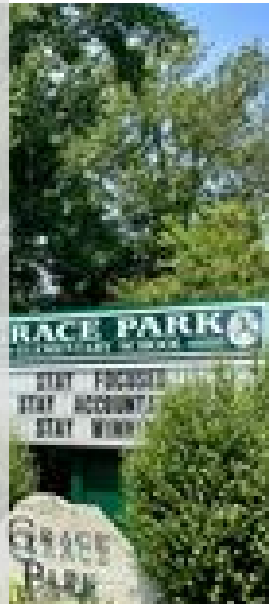


Ridley School District MONTHLY NEWS



It's Our Mission...

To create an environment that gives all students the opportunity to achieve their fullest personal and academic potential in order to become productive and responsible citizens



Life Roles

Self-directed Learner

Responsible Citizen

Collaborative Performer

Effective Communicator

Problem Solver



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Honoring military veterans of the
United States Armed Forces.**

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**Thanksgiving Break
Have a safe and happy holiday!**

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Gail L. Heinemeyer

RIDLEY HOMECOMING “R” LEGACY AWARD HONOREE

This year, Ridley proudly honors Miss Gail L. Heinemeyer with the “R” Legacy Award – a recognition celebrating extraordinary dedication, leadership, and lifelong service to our schools and community.

A Ridley graduate and the daughter of Arthur and Claire Heinemeyer, both longtime district supporters and educators, Gail continued her family’s tradition of service in remarkable ways. Over her 45-year career in Ridley School District, she served as a teacher, coach, advisor, assistant principal, principal, and Director of Support Services, always advocating for students and uplifting those around her.



Gail’s impact extended well beyond her administrative roles. As a leader of the Ridley Educational Foundation, she strengthened opportunities for students and educators by supporting innovation grants, scholarships, and enrichment programs. She also transformed the District Service Recognition Dinner into a meaningful celebration of pride and community.

Her influence reaches the national level as well – Gail received the Distinguished Service Award from the Association for Middle Level Education and served as a director of its Leadership Institute, mentoring educators across the country.

A lifelong Ridley Park resident, devoted Ursinus alumna, traveler, theatre enthusiast, and committed volunteer, Gail exemplifies what it means to live with purpose and give back. Today, we honor her legacy of compassion, mentorship, and unwavering Ridley pride.

Thank you Miss Gail L. Heinemeyer — a true Ridley legend.



Each month, we will celebrate the outstanding contributions of our alumni and community members who inspire, lead, and make a difference. Whether it's through professional accomplishments, volunteer service, or everyday acts of kindness, we want to shine a light on the people who strengthen our Ridley School District family.

[Click Here To Fill Out Nominee Form](#)

We invite you to help us highlight these outstanding contributions by submitting a nominee through the survey link above.



Ridley School District Becomes Apple Distinguished School District

Ridley School District has been designated an Apple Distinguished School District, Recognized for Innovation, leadership, and educational excellence using technology across the entire education system. School districts apply and are selected for this distinction based on their commitment to continuous innovation in education across all schools in the system, and using Apple products to inspire, imagine, and impact teaching and learning districtwide.

Apple Distinguished Schools are centers of leadership and educational excellence, with a clear vision for how technology-rich environments support learning goals. In Apple Distinguished Schools, forward-thinking leaders and their communities work to inspire, imagine, and impact teaching and learning, and they have documented results of academic accomplishments. Schools all over the world are using iPad and Mac to transform learning. As teachers incorporate technology into their lessons, they empower students to lead, learn, and thrive, to discover new opportunities, and to make their world a better place.



Distinguished School District

Inspire | Imagine | Impact



Apple Distinguished Schools

by Ridley School District

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"Becoming an Apple Distinguished School District is no small task. It reflects years of hard work from teachers who continually push the boundaries of what's possible in their classrooms, from administrators who champion innovation and creativity in today's world, and from students who embrace personalized learning in bold, new ways." - Dr. Gina Ciallella, Assistant to the Superintendent for Curriculum and Student Services



Legos for Lincoln

Building Hope, One Brick at a Time

Ridley's elementary schools came together for "Legos for Lincoln," a district-wide charity drive honoring Ridley's own superhero, Lincoln Hanson, during Childhood Cancer Awareness Month. Students and families collected new LEGO sets to bring joy to children battling cancer. All donations were delivered to CHOP and Nemours Children's Hospital on behalf of Lincoln—proving that the Ridley community is truly building hope, one brick at a time.





Ridley Middle School received a wonderful upgrade thanks to the hard work and leadership of an Eagle Scout troop.



As part of his Eagle Scout service project members of Troop 339, took on the challenge of restoring the school's outdoor classroom space at Ridley Middle School. The project included cleaning and repairing benches, refreshing landscaping, and creating an inviting environment for students and teachers to enjoy learning outdoors. The revitalized space now offers a peaceful and functional setting for science lessons, reading activities, and small-group discussions.

Ridley Middle School staff and students are grateful for the troop's dedication, planning, and countless volunteer hours that went into improving this space for the school community.

Alex Boyé Inspires Ridley Middle School Students with a Message of Self-Worth and Positivity

Ridley Middle School students were treated to an unforgettable assembly with award-winning singer, performer, and motivational speaker Alex Boyé, whose energy and heartfelt message filled the auditorium. Boyé spoke to students about the importance of self-worth, resilience, and the power of positive self-talk—reminding everyone that the words we use toward ourselves and others can shape how we see the world.



"You're a 10"

Through music, humor, and personal stories, Boyé encouraged students to embrace their individuality, lift others up, and find strength in kindness. His dynamic presentation blended powerful vocals with uplifting messages that had students clapping, singing along, and reflecting deeply on the importance of mental health and self-confidence.

RIDLEY HS



NO HATE TOUR BRINGS POWERFUL ANTI-BULLYING MESSAGE TO RHS

Ridley High School students recently experienced an unforgettable assembly when the No Hate Tour rolled into the gym—combining high-energy BMX stunts with an inspiring message about kindness, inclusion, and standing up to bullying.

Professional BMX riders wowed the crowd with incredible flips, jumps, and tricks off ramps and boxes, all while sharing personal stories about resilience, respect, and the importance of supporting one another. The high-flying performance kept students cheering, but the tour's deeper message—to treat others with kindness and speak up against hate—resonated just as powerfully.

The event was sponsored by the U.S. Marines, who partner with the tour to promote leadership, respect, and positive choices among students.





RHS STUDENTS LEAD WITH HEART THROUGH THE PEER MENTORING PROGRAM

At Ridley School District, students are leading with empathy, responsibility, and kindness through the Peer Mentoring Program, where Ridley High School students mentor younger peers across the district.

The program helps students build connections, promote positive behaviors, and strengthen Ridley's sense of community. Mentors receive training in communication, problem solving, and leadership—skills that prepare them for life beyond high school.

Peer Mentoring teacher Deborah Friel describes the program as “uniquely Ridley,” saying it “shows the heart of our students and the real work they do to make a difference.”



Teachers across the district praise the mentors as role models who bring joy, patience, and encouragement into classrooms and playgrounds. Whether it's sitting with a student at lunch, helping in class, or lending a listening ear, Ridley's Peer Mentors are making a lasting impact.

Through the Peer Mentoring Program, Ridley students are proving that leadership begins with compassion—and they're building a brighter future, one connection at a time.



"IT REALLY SHOWS THE HEART OF RIDLEY"



2025 Fall Sports

Cross Country Runners Make School History

A huge shout-out to **Cecilia Kane**, who broke the school 5K record with a blazing time of 18:59 and finished 5th overall at the Central League Championships! Also, congratulations to **Olma Mathewos** for qualifying for the PIAA State Championships!

Ridley Field Hockey hosted a HOME playoff game and came out on top with an exciting 3-1 win over Pennsbury in the first round! Congratulations to the team for their incredible effort and teamwork!

Field Hockey Triumphs in Home Playoff Game!

Ridley Football Heads to the District One Playoffs!

Ridley Football had an outstanding season, finishing strong and advancing to the first round of the playoffs. The team worked hard, played with heart, and represented their program with great pride!



RHS MARCHING BAND IS ON A ROLL

The RHS Marching Band delivered an outstanding performance at the USBands State Conference, earning second place with a score of 86.6. This remarkable achievement reflects tremendous growth, as the band has improved by more than 15 points over the course of the season. Their journey isn't over yet! The band will head to Allentown later this month to compete in the USBands National Championship, where they will take the field alongside 16 top marching groups from across the region.

Congratulations to our talented musicians, dedicated staff, and supportive families—Ridley is cheering you on!



*RHS Marching Band
send off Performance*



“This is one of the best marching bands Ridley has had in my time here. Their potential is very high, and I can't wait to help them realize it as the season continues.”

ANTHONY MURGIDI
RHS MUSIC
TEACHER



Ridley Comes Together for Homecoming

RSD enjoyed a fun and spirited Homecoming week filled with community pride! The celebration kicked off with Dining Under the "R's", including food trucks, games, a concert by James Clark, and a movie night for elementary students.

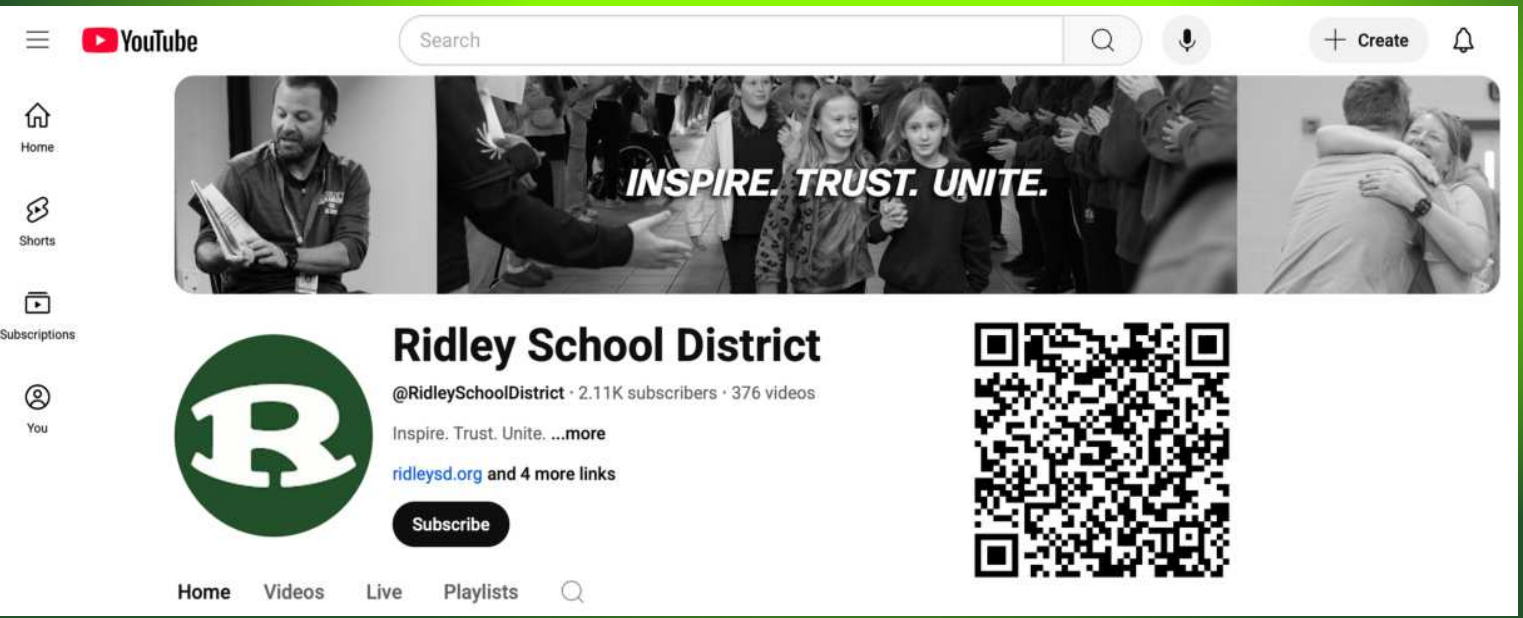


Friday's Homecoming Game featured the Homecoming Court and the crowning of this year's King and Queen and a big WIN over Penncrest!

On Saturday, the community lined the streets for the annual Homecoming Parade, followed by Community Day at RHS where groups were recognized and the RHS Student Government Legacy Award was announced. The week wrapped up with the RHS Homecoming Dance.







RSD YOUTUBE



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Woodlyn Broadcast

Stay connected with all things Ridley School District by visiting our official YouTube channels!

From student news to performances, sporting events, and community celebrations, our channels give you a front-row seat to life at Ridley. Subscribe today so you never miss a highlight, and share in the pride of our students, staff, and schools.



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Welcome to Ridley High's School Store! The Locker is a student-run business that sells affordable Ridley merchandise online and in our store at RHS. All profits are donated back to the Ridley community, including the Ridley Educational Foundation, Ridley High School Business Club and Ridley Families in Need.



The Locker has released its Fall/Winter clothing line!! The new collection will feature a variety of seasonal spirit wear perfect for showing your Ridley pride throughout the colder months.

Shop Now @ Thelocker.biz



Join



Team

Ridley School District is always looking for dedicated and enthusiastic individuals to join our team. We are currently seeking: Paraprofessionals - Food Service Staff - Bus Aides - and more!

To see current openings and apply, please visit our Employment Page



Bullying Prevention: Breaking the Cycle of School Avoidance

MENTAL HEALTH NEWSLETTER



BULLYING

The connection between bullying and school avoidance:

In their shoes... Have you ever noticed that a child's backpack holds more than just books? It can carry fears and heartaches too heavy for their young shoulders. Some kids dread going to school because of bullying, feeling anxious, isolated, and desperate for a sense of safety and belonging. Together, we can be the difference these children need.

What is Bullying? Bullying is the ongoing misuse of power in relationships, often through repetitive verbal, physical, or social actions meant to harm others. It can involve individuals or groups using their perceived power to target those who feel unable to stop it.

What is School Avoidance?

School avoidance, or school refusal, refers to a child's anxiety about school and their refusal to attend. It's usually a symptom of an underlying issue.

When Bullying and School Avoidance Mix...

Adults should be alert when bullying and school avoidance overlap. Addressing this requires collaboration between parents, schools, and the community. With strong support, parents can help children regain confidence and navigate these challenges.

Steps to Address the Issue of School Avoidance and Bullying:

Recognize Signs: Identify signs of bullying and school avoidance in your child.

Open Communication: Regularly talk with your child and check how they're feeling.

Track Incidents: Write down bullying incidents, including dates and details.

Involve the School: Report bullying and create a plan together.

Seek Professional Help: Find a mental health professional to support your child.

Speak Up: Advocate for your child's needs at school.

Teach Resilience: Teach coping skills and confidence.

Stay Informed: Learn about school policies and bullying prevention.





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If you have a life-threatening emergency, please call 911 or the Suicide and Crisis Lifeline at 988. Care Solace is not an emergency response service or mental health services provider.



